

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowability included with the Notice of Allowance dated July 12, 2004 indicated that corrected formal drawings were required. Applicants submit herewith corrected formal drawings, in which the only corrections relate to the numbering scheme in Applicants' Figures 20A, 20B, 21A, 22A and 23A.

Therefore, Applicants submit the present Rule 312 Amendment (concurrently with payment of the issue fee) to bring Applicants' description of the figures in the specification into conformity with the numbering scheme in the corrected formal drawings.

The amendments to the specification included in this Rule 312 Amendment are purely a matter of form and format, and do not alter the substance of the application in any manner. These amendments are needed for proper description of Applicant's invention, and require no substantial work on the part of the Patent Office. MPEP § 714.16. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312.

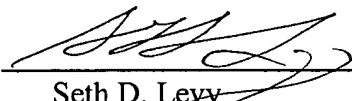
Applicants believe that the application is still in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the amendments to the specification be entered. If for any reason Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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